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Let's dance

Students dance the night away after a spaghetti dinner courtesy of the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

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Standing room only

♦ *Overcrowding forces freshmen out of dorm rooms, into lobbies, Greek Court*

Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

Officials at Eastern residence halls were forced to think beyond the constricting four walls of the average dormitory room to accommodate the increase of students this year.

Eastern's residence hall enrollment is up approximately 500 students from a year ago, forcing the housing department to place students in lounges and in Greek Court, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Freshmen were the driving force behind the increase, followed by transfer students. Extra freshmen posed a special challenge to the housing department, considering Carman Hall, the most popular living area for incoming freshmen, was close to full capacity last year, said Doug Howell, resident director at Carman Hall.

Further housing strains were posed after two floors of Lawson Hall were lost to occupy offices from the Doudna Fine Arts Center, which is closed for construction.

To accommodate the increase, 50 incoming, non-greek students are being permanently housed in Greek Court. Most students are grouped into four and living in suites. Hudson said 12 Greek houses are harboring incoming students, for example 12 students are in the Zeta Phi Beta house, four students are in the Phi Beta Sigma house and six are in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

"We try to put them in those clusters so they have their own smaller community inside the larger community," he said.

Eastern has not had to house students in Greek Court in six or seven years, Hudson said. However, the school does have a contract with Greek Court, allowing them to place non-greek students there in the event of an overflow.

The agreement also benefits some houses that have been having trouble recruiting Greek students to live in Greek Court.

"Several houses have been thankful for the extra students because it's helped them meet their requirements," Hudson said.

The overflow of students has also spilled out into residence hall floor lounges. Women in



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Aaron Brown, a freshman political science major, is one of many students who was forced to move into a lounge in Carman Hall, because there was no room for him.

Home sweet home?

- ♦ 50 non-greek freshmen are housed in Greek Court.
- ♦ 100 sophomores were denied singles rooms.
- ♦ Groups of three women are living in lounges at Lawson, Andrews and Taylor halls.
- ♦ Groups of three men are sharing lounges at Thomas, Taylor and Douglas.

groups of three are sharing lounges in Lawson, Andrews, Lincoln and Taylor halls, while men are living in Thomas, Taylor and Douglas lounges.

No women were placed in Carman Hall lounges and only two floor lounges are being used on the men's side of Carman Hall, said Hudson.

Students placed in the lounges and Greek houses will pay the same in room and board fees as students in regular residence hall rooms, Hudson said.

Most students have reacted positively to the change, and students who are living in standard rooms have been very accepting, he said.

"I knew what we were getting, and I was excited," said Bernadette Mary, a freshman journalism major living in the fifth floor lounge of Lawson

Hall. "I knew how tiny those dorms were and this room is huge."

"They need the extra space," said Christine Henderson, a junior elementary education major who lost her lounge in Lawson Hall. "It was nice to have a lounge to study in, but there is not much we can do about it. If it's going to bring more students to Eastern, it's a positive change."

The housing office also denied singles to about 100 sophomores.

Hudson said the office expected an increase in students in the Spring, so he warned

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Coolley: layoffs won't last

♦ *Printing Center closure forces temporary job cuts*

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty and students will no longer be able to use the University Printing Center in the Student Services Building — the service has been discontinued.

The center, which was primarily used by faculty to make copies, will not be reinstated, and three workers are temporarily out of jobs, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.



Jeff Cooley

"When I look at layoffs, I think, 'We downsize, we cutback, you lost your job, but you'll be hired back,'" Cooley said.

The employees are working with human resources, trying to find a place that could utilize their services, Cooley said, but he was unsure if any had found jobs within the university.

Clay Hopkins, director of Information Technology Services, who, according to Cooley, worked with finding those employees jobs, was unavailable for comment.

It's also uncertain how much money the university would save by dropping the service, but Cooley said he was expecting a significant amount.

It took \$300,000 in salary and supply expenses to operate the building, not to mention the amount needed to update the equipment, Cooley said.

The university will not save \$300,000 on its closure however, he said. Copy Express in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union will incur some of the cost because services were added to compensate for the printing center's closure.

Copy Express will now have desktop delivery, something neither the printing center nor Copy Express ever had before, Cooley said.

"We want to provide the best service at the best price," he said.

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Theatre students have more room in former IGA

By Karen Kirr
CAMPUS REPORTER

Temporarily housed in the former IGA on 18th Street, Eastern's theater studio boasts three times the space as its former location in the Doudna Fine Arts Center and has been refurbished enough to accommodate Monday's classes.

The renovation kicked off nearly six weeks ago after Eastern's Board of Trustees voted at its July 3 meeting to lease the building from landlords Robert and Mickey Walker.

Included in the \$258, 603 lease,

which runs from June 1 through Aug. 31, 2005, is a \$23,000 contingency, which was implemented by the BOT to cover any unforeseen conditions that might occur after renovations commenced, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs.

Eastern pays \$6,000 a month to rent the structure, Cooley said.

Since the 15,500 square foot facility is not owned by Eastern, there was no need to negotiate a bidding price. The owners are responsible for any of the building renovations and the contractors involved in the project, Cooley said.

"We did negotiate with the landlords specifically what we wanted done," he said. "We discussed the price but did not control the price."

The evolution of the renovation of the theater studio stands in stark contrast to the former Booth West location, which has seen its renovation work evolve slower than the theater studio as a result of the special ventilation requirements of Eastern's art studio housed there, said John Oertling, chair of the theater department.

Significant work still needs to be accomplished on the green room, which is the waiting stage for the actors prior to them entering the

stage; the theater and arena space, set to hold 178 seats and the dressing room space; and electrical parts in the theater and arena space, Oertling said.

The exterior of the structure is another concern that will be addressed, Oertling said.

With the IGA sign still standing firmly in place and the former market displayed as an abandoned one to passers-by, Oertling said students must be patient until the sign is replaced.

"We are trying to see how much (a new sign) would cost," he said. "We will (replace) it. The question is, 'How soon?'"

Eastern also has plans to replaster the exterior as well as repaint it, Oertling said.

Despite the work remaining, Oertling remained upbeat about the finished product.

"The things that I like are the bright lights and the excellent work space this provides," he said. "There is so much flexibility and students seem to be using the shuttle," Oertling said. "This is really a great opportunity. It's like moving into a new house. All the facilities are expanded. We really have space to work."

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Mertz trial still set to begin at end of September

By Maura Possley
CITY EDITOR

Though it has lost co-counsel, the defense in the capital murder trial of the People vs. Anthony Mertz has not filed a motion to delay the trial. Paula Phillips, Mertz's lead attorney, said the trial should still begin with jury selection on Sept. 30.

A conflict of interest led to the withdrawal of co-counsel Lonnie Lutz, who was appointed by the court to aid Phillips, according to court documents.

Lutz withdrew from the case

June 14, according to court documents. Lutz said Friday he was removed from the case because he is also representing a client who is a potential witness against Mertz. Because of his involvement with the potential witness, it was best he withdraw.

Also on the defense team is Attorney David Williams.



Anthony Mertz

According to an Illinois Supreme Court Rule, because Mertz is being represented by both Phillips and Williams, who are certified members of the Illinois Capital Litigation Bar, the defense is not required to appoint additional counsel. The Illinois Capital Litigation Bar is a special section of the State Supreme Court which certifies attorneys to work on death penalty cases.

Mertz, 26, is charged with allegedly murdering Eastern student Shannon McNamara in June 2001.

In a court hearing Monday, Judge Dale A. Cini ordered the defense to return the prosecution's evidence Sept. 9. The evidence was supposed to be returned Aug. 18.

Phillips said the defense was not able to return the evidence on time because the laboratory, Genetic Technologies, Inc. based in Glenco, Mo., was unable to complete the analysis on time.

Also Monday, Williams disclosed that Dr. Park Dietz, of Park Dietz and Associates, would testify during the sentencing phase of the trial to provide a

profile of the crime that was committed and the type of person who would commit the crime.

Park Dietz and Associates are forensic consultants in medicine and the behavioral sciences based in Newport Beach, Cal. Dr. Dietz has worked on other murder cases, including the murder trial of Jeffrey Dahmer and cases concerning Waco, Texas.

Judge Cini ordered Monday that all witnesses for the sentencing phase of the trial be disclosed by Sept. 16.



CAITLIN BULLIS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Welcoming fresh faces

David Raybin, the new Faculty Laureate, welcomes freshmen at Convocation held in Lantz Arena Monday night after he gave a speech accepting the honor.

Presidential search on hold until 2003

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's Board of Trustees will wait to restart the search for a new president because interim President Lou Hencken agreed to a two-year contract extension.

Board member Robert Manion, search committee chair, said in an e-mail Friday the search would not begin until 2003.

Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, confirmed Manion's statement, telling *The Daily Eastern News* Friday that the search may not begin until March, April or even May of that year.

The search for Eastern's ninth leader ended unsuccessfully last April when one of the three finalists rejected an offer from Eastern, putting the board in an awkward position to find a president by July 31 when Hencken's contract expired.

The finalist, John Cavanaugh, then the vice president for academic affairs at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, has since signed on as president of West Florida University.

According to the board, the other two finalists were not a proper fit for Eastern, leading to Hencken's contract extension.

Now the search will start over, which was expected to happen sometime this year, according to reports from a Presidential Search Advisory Committee meeting in April.

Lord said the search firm that failed last year, Academic Search, will perform this search, so the university will not pay any more money and the search will be done in the same manner.

Currently, the committee is reviewing the position advertisement.

Once the advertisement is posted, the committee will let applications pile up for two weeks, according to the April meeting.

Manion said in April the committee would also review the 48 other eligible applications received in January when the search began. The committee had received 51 applications in January.

Once applications have been reviewed, the committee will conduct off-campus interviews to narrow down the field to three finalists, who will then visit Eastern's campus for interviews.

Also, all of the committee members have agreed to remain on the search.

Marty Ruhaak, vice president for public affairs, will replace former student board member Daryl Jones on the committee.

The other student member, Katie Cox, who graduated in May, said she spoke with the Student Senate on the event the search would exceed her days at Eastern and expected the Senate would appoint Student Body President Alison Mormino to the search committee.

An appointment to replace Cox has not yet been made.

Passwords can be sought with PAWS back up and running

By Melissa Nielsen
CAMPUS EDITOR

Though electrical problems caused the PAWS, Panther Access Web Services, to temporarily shut down Sunday, the system is now up and running and students should start retrieving their new e-mail passwords again.

Thanks to updates during the summer, students will no longer have to battle long lines at User Services in the Students Services Building to pick up or reset passwords, said Jim Henderson, director of User Services.

Instead, continuing and new students must reset their e-mail account passwords to access stu-

dent accounts. The new passwords are retrieved by logging onto PAWS and clicking on the E-mail/WebCT icon. A random password will be assigned, and then students must go to <http://www.ezreset.eiu.edu> to personalize their password.

"Students don't have to come and stand in line to reset their e-mails anymore. They can just change it themselves, which will be so much easier. This is using technology to its greatest (capabilities)," Henderson said.

The reset will give users more control over their accounts, allow them more storage space and offer convenience, Henderson said.

Two electrical surges on Sunday shut down the PAWS system, but

information was rebooted and accessible by noon Monday. Crews were out to recapture the data lost after the power surge erased from a backup hard drive, Henderson said.

Crews also intalled a backup electrical system to prevent another surge from shutting down PAWS. The system was supposed to be installed before students returned to school, but the project was behind schedule, Henderson said.

"It was one of those things we should have gotten to, but didn't. We're paying for it now," he said. "We were running behind schedule."

However, now that the backup system is in place, Henderson hopes people will reset their

accounts as soon as possible to take advantage of the benefits.

Students will be able to manage their e-mail and computer lab log-on passwords and have more room on their accounts after User Services' seven-year-old equipment was replaced.

The upgrade involved the installation of faster, larger servers to store and process accounts and new software that will allow students to change their own passwords on-line and increase e-mail reliability, a press release said.

"This is a real improvement in the university's students e-mail system in terms of both convenience and security," Henderson said in a press release.

"It will empower students by giving them control of and easier access to their own accounts. It will speed up system response times, and it will mean larger quotas for their e-mail storage and personal pages."

P-Synch, the new software program that allows students to reset their own passwords, works by prompting students to write a series of personal security questions to which only they know the answers.

The upgrades also included installation of two new Sunfire V880 servers that can handle more space and are faster. The new servers cost \$84,000 to \$100,000 a piece, Henderson said.



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OPINION

Better planning necessary

While ripping asbestos out of a building, having people in it is not a good thing. This obvious statement leads to another: If those people are students expecting a class, you have to put them elsewhere.

So if all of this is so obvious, why did it seem to strike those planning the Doudna Fine Arts renovation at the last minute?

The renovation is a mammoth, years-long capital development project. State-funded projects often take at least a year just for planning, and of course, millions of dollars. To hold fine arts classes without a fine arts building, new areas have to be designated. Planners had time to work out this major issue.

But here we are, taking student-funded Panther Express shuttle buses off their regular routes to get people to classrooms in relatively far-flung buildings. And those far-flung classrooms aren't even done, although students still have are supposed to have class there.

In the old Booth West building wires dangle from the ceiling. A person clapping his hands can be heard from one end of the building to the other, in part because there are no doors. At least the old IGA building on 18th Street has bathrooms that are usable. Booth West features a dirt floor and exposed pipes, and a disturbing lack of toilets.

The shuttle buses only hold 20 people and only run every half hour. The alternate buildings are the former Booth West on Lincoln Avenue and the old IGA on 18th Street. They are both arguably too far for on-campus students without cars to walk to.

Any project of this undertaking has unexpected expenses popping up. Discovering a burial ground on the construction site is unexpected. A meteor crashing into Charleston is unexpected. Finding a space for displaced classes and a way to get people there is not.

The university had plenty of time to plan for students to get to those off-campus sites. A better plan would be not using the fee-funded Panther Express to get them there. The lost stops on the route may have been lower ridership spots, but students still need those stops as much as students need to get to the fine arts location.

Eastern students have endured enough ill-run construction projects with Booth Library alone, with many delays and a faulty air conditioning system. Planning well is essential to a successful project and a successful fine arts program during the construction.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

OPINION

Navigating in the suburbs



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It's almost impossible to be in the middle of nowhere, yet at the center of all one could ever need.

But this summer I was there. Sorry I didn't send a postcard – there weren't many other tourists.

My car was stuck in the north-bound lane of the North-South Tollway a quarter mile south of the North Avenue exit.

St. Charles was minutes away, Carol Stream was a jaunt to the west and Downers Grove was in sight to the east, but help couldn't be farther from me.

I waited for help to arrive as thousands of cars whizzed past without a single Good Samaritan stopping.

I had no cell phone – how un-suburb-like? I may have just as well been stuck on Gilligan's Island, but with less hope.

There were no coconuts to spell out any kind of distress message, and my intellect is closer to that of the S.S. Minnow than the professor.

But before things got tough, and it would be really tough to get going anywhere, I took swift action.

As cars blasted past me, I braced myself and signaled with my thumb and pinky fingers sticking out and held the gesture to my ear. With a frustrated grimace on my face I forced myself at drivers whooshing by in SUVs four times the size of my road-lice-like car. All I wanted was for someone to make the call.

"My car was stuck in the north-bound lane of the North-South Tollway a quarter mile south of the North Avenue exit."

What does it take to get suburbanites' attention – a toll plaza?

Fortunately I wasn't stuck on the wrong side of Elgin or in Aurora's ghetto, so I could flash the signal without drawing heat.

And what happens when someone is stuck in an unsightly place like that?

What happens when the reasons people move out of the big city – crime, gangs and sewer rats – rear their ugly heads in the 'burbs? It sounds more like fodder for afternoon talk shows than a problem of urban sprawl. Picture it: "When suburbs have suburbs... on the next Jerry Springer."

Someone call Sally Jessy Raphael! Let's send Geraldo to the scene!

But before I could nab a producer credit, I found salvation in a Ford Bronco. A kind man pulled over and wondered what the problem was. He saw my gesture, but wasn't fluent in sign language. Good thing he stopped, otherwise

onlookers would've received a one-finger gesture that is more New York than Chicago.

I called a wrecker to tow my motionless heap of a car, but it didn't show up for a long time.

When suburbs are built, how are boundaries determined? Are there feuds between burgs? Are militias formed?

My town's mob of unruly hoodlums can out-gerrymander yours!

How are these boundaries determined and who named these things anyway?

Lake in the Hills, Fox River Grove, Oak Brook Terrace, Rolling Meadows – these aren't real city names.

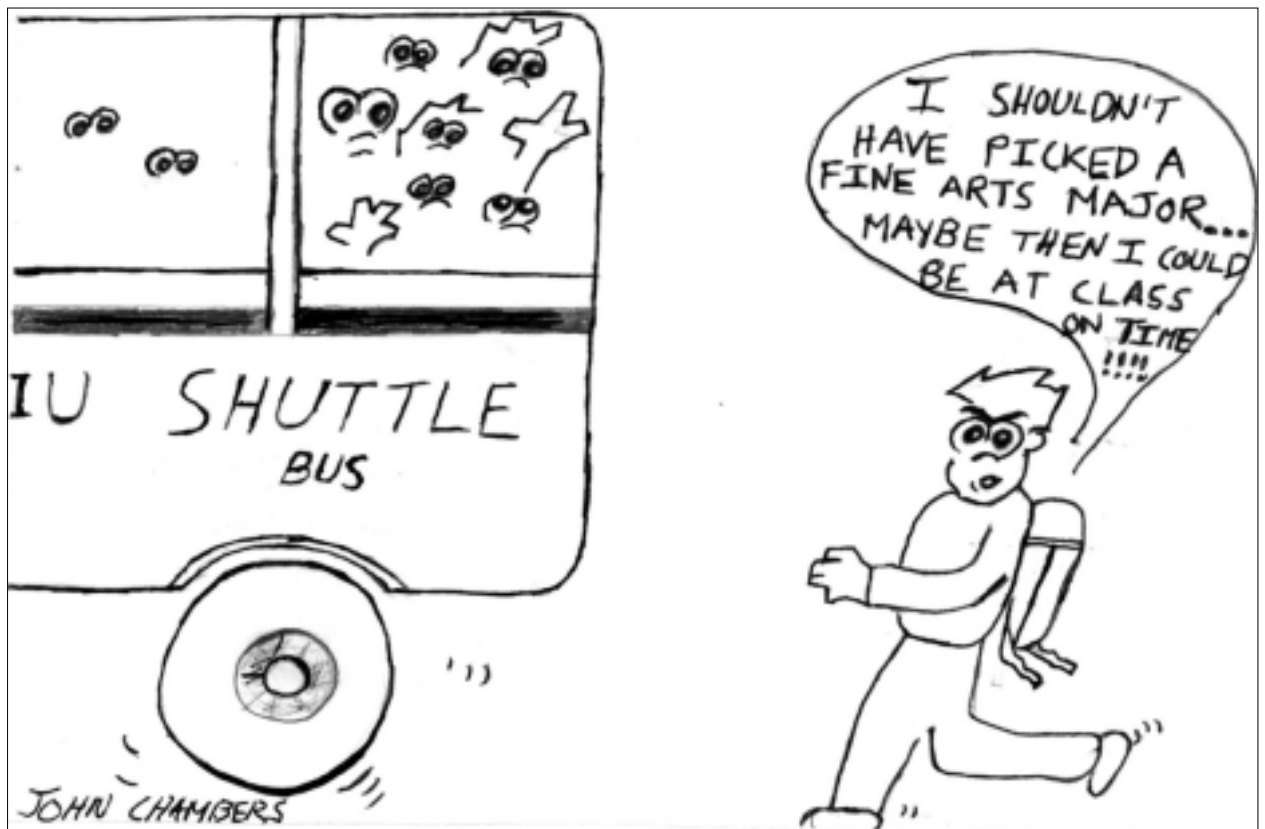
How do you distinguish Hoffman Estates from Hanover Park? Drive by on any suburban road and it all looks like a background from the Flintstones – and there's a definite pattern involving the same sequence of fast food restaurants and stores.

My mind wandered as far as the suburbs could stretch as the cars flew by. But before I could ponder whether there was any real difference between Arlington Heights and Lake Zurich, the tow truck showed up – five hours later.

The driver was confused. There were too many norths and souths in my directions.

"You mean you can't tell the difference?" I asked the driver.

"Nope," he replied. Neither can I.



GUEST EDITORIAL

Take a hard look at the death penalty

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Gov. George Ryan may not leave office with the best reputation. The license-for-bribes scandal and the unpopular budget cuts that will further exacerbate Southern Illinois' economy do not make for a popular governor.

One thing we can admire him for, however, is the moratorium he placed on the death penalty in Illinois. The system used to administrate this gravest of punishments was a leaky faucet, possibly dripping with the blood of the innocent. The state had wrongly convicted and then freed 13 death row inmates and executed 12 since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Ryan formed a commission, including Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute and former U.S. senator, that spent the last two years researching Illinois' death penalty. More than 300 death penalty cases were reviewed, including testimony from both the families of murder victims and freed death row prisoners. The panel also looked at how demographics affect the likelihood of a death sentence.

The group's discoveries included that convictions in rural areas are more likely to result in a death sentence than in urban areas. No statistical evidence has supported the claim that race plays a role in the probability of execution, but Simon suspects this is the case. Evidence does suggest that socio-economics have a hand in whether a convict's right to life is denied.

"The death penalty is reserved for people who don't have enough money to defend themselves adequately," Simon said.

The commission came out with 85 proposals to eliminate leaks in the system. Many of the suggestions are plain common sense, such as banning the death sentence for those convicted by a single eyewitness, a prison informant or an accomplice whose testimony is not buttressed with other evidence.

State Sen. Kirk Dillard, R-Hinsdale, snidely remarked as vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee that many of the commission's proposals may be "headed

straight for the trash bin."

Dillard's blatant disrespect for two years of research designed only to ensure that innocent people do not die is sickening. We encourage the Illinois legislature to earnestly consider all propositions and codify those deemed necessary.

In January, a new governor will hold the power of life and death over the convicted. When and if the moratorium is lifted, we encourage our new head of state to embrace these recommendations.

If the government serves as a henchman, it had better take every precaution necessary to ensure that the right neck is on the line.

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The future site of the new Health Services building, located in place of the old Thomas Hall parking lot , is currently a hole in the ground.

New Health Services building project on schedule thus far

◆ *Constructers continue working diligently to meet May 2003 target date for completion*

By Karen Kirr
CAMPUS REPORTER

Construction work on the new Health Services facility has been moving along smoothly since the groundbreaking of the site on Aug. 5, said Stephen Shrake, architect for the physical plant. The site is located between Thomas and Klehm Hall.

Shrake and Karl Helmink, project manager for site, have the building slated to be finished by May 2003. The contractors, who Shrake did not name, believed a May 2003 completion date was a realistic goal, he said.

However, because workers are in the “very early stages” of construction, that is merely a target date, Shrake said.

Shrake said the plan is for the contractors to get started before the beginning of fall so the workers would be able to construct longer without Eastern having to bear the cost of heating workers’ break areas because of the cold weather.

Lynette Drake, director of Health Services, said she is excited about the new facility that will house not only Health Services, but also the Counseling Center, the Career Center and Speech, Language and Hearing

Center.

Drake said she is especially excited about the skylights being installed on the main floor. The building will be unique on campus in that it will only have a second floor on the front of the building facing the quad.

The directors of each of the student services moving into the new building teamed up and have actively been working on the new updated building plans for a few years, Drake said.

“(The construction) seems to be going great,” she said. “Great progress has been made so far. We started getting into the planning two years ago.”

Faculty Senate touches on ways to respect 9/11 tragedy

◆ *Campus improvement projects also to be discussed at the Senate’s first meeting of the new academic year*

By Scott Miller
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

With 1-year the Sept. 11 terrorism attack anniversary just around the corner, faculty and administrators are working on ways to show respect to one of the nation’s biggest tragedies.

That’s just one of the topics Faculty Senate discussed this summer, and not the only topic on the agenda for the representatives’ first meeting today.

Interim President Lou Hencken called upon the Faculty Senate during its June meeting to address the Sept. 11 issue, encouraging discussion of the event during classes this fall.

Senate Chair Ann Zahlan agreed saying, “It is important to provide a structured environment to allow our students to express their feelings and concerns.”

That’s exactly what students did last semester, with encouragement from their instructors, Senate member Luis Clay Mendez, foreign language professor, told senators in attendance.

Mendez said that that in-class discussion may not be enough.

“We should not only provide the opportunity to discuss the Sept. 11 events in our classes this fall, but also organize speakers and/or events in remembrance of the Trade Center bombings,” he said at the summer meeting.

So far the group has not developed a memorial to the event, but Mendez; Bud Fischer, associate biology professor, and James Tidwell, journalism professor, have volunteered to serve on a Senate subcommittee to organize the event.

In other business this summer, Hencken discussed some campus improvement projects, touching base on the new Doudna Fine Arts Center and discussing a plan to add

parking around the area.

“A parking garage continues to be discussed as a viable alternative to our parking-space needs,” he said at the summer meeting.

Hencken said Monday he had looked at parking garages on Illinois State University’s campus while visiting, thought they looked nice and were a possible solution to the parking woes that are “always a real concern on any college campus.”

An exact location for the garages has not been decided, but Hencken said somewhere around the new fine arts building would be a good choice, especially west of Taylor Hall where a parking lot already exists, keeping the university from having to purchase extra land.

Plans are in the early stages, and it has not been decided if the garages will be built.


“We just need to throw some ideas around to receive feedback,” Hencken said.

At the Senate’s meeting today, several Senate subcommittees will give reports on business from last semester, and possibly some new business, to refresh Senate members after a summer away from some issues.

Among the subcommittees is the Sept. 11 commemoration committee, the student-faculty relations committee, the faculty-staff relations committee and the faculty development steering committing, which was formed last year to help provide incoming faculty with help adjusting to a new environment.

The committee pushed for an instructor-mentor program, which would give incoming faculty someone to ask for help, and a faculty development office where faculty could go to discover Eastern’s vast facilities. The office and the mentor program still are being discussed.


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By Alta King
FEATURES EDITOR

A sea of smiling faces and a warm spaghetti dinner greeted students who attended the Christian Campus House Monday night. An hour later, students twirled and danced to salsa music, courtesy of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

Jessie Swigart, a senior English major, has been involved with the Christian Campus House for four years.

"I came to Eastern knowing I wanted to get involved in a Christian group," Swigart said.

Adam Caldwell, a sophomore art major, was invited to the Christian Campus House when he was a freshman.

"The people here reach out to you and want you to get involved," Caldwell said.

Freshmen and transfer students came to check out the scene.

Mary Knoblauch, a freshman special education major, was curious about the Christian Campus House.

"I'm trying out all the churches to choose the one I like the best," Knoblauch said.

Emily Dalby, a junior elementary education major, said she attended the dinner because she's a



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Michael Kuo, a freshman English instructor at Eastern and Natalie Esposito, a senior English major, who teaches salsa classes at the student recreation center, show a group of Eastern students and faculty the basic steps to partner salsa dancing. The evening was put together by the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship. Those who attended were treated to lessons on salsa dancing and a chance to meet new people.

Christian and wanted to have fellowship.

Enthusiastic dancers arrived at 7th Street Underground for salsa

lessons. Lessons were given for the first hour. Then students took what they learned and danced.

During a 10 minute break,

James Drayton, a senior business major, introduced himself and informed the audience about Intervarsity Christian

Fellowship. Christians and non-Christians are welcome to IVCF, Drayton said.

Anne Bauer, a sophomore history major, has been a member of IVCF since her freshman year. Bauer made a promise to her brother to get involved in Christian fellowship.

"I like the people and what I've learned," Bauer said.

Tara Whittington, a senior elementary education major, joined IVCF during her sophomore year.

"I enjoy the fellowship and the time spent with God; it has also helped with my Christian growth," Whittington said.

Bianca Roberson, a freshman biological sciences major, and Shovonne Woods, a sophomore nursing major, enjoyed the free salsa lessons. Kristen Bosco, a freshman pre-nursing major, was present to hang out with fellow Christians and learn to salsa.

The Christian Campus House will host a luau at 7 p.m. Tuesday and a Bible study at 7 p.m. Wednesday. Intervarsity Christian Fellowship will hold a photo scavenger hunt at 6 p.m. Tuesday, bowling at the Union Bowling Alley at 7 p.m. Friday and a picnic and water wars at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Campus Pond pavilion.

Durbin goes to bat for contractor in dredging dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Dick Durbin has waded into a muddy, multimillion dollar fight over taxpayer-funded dredging projects at the request of an Illinois-based government contractor that has quietly become a significant campaign supporter.

Durbin says he's only trying to help Great Lakes Dredge and Dock

Co. against unfair foreign competition. But his efforts have irritated some fellow lawmakers who blame him for holding up important legislation for the U.S. Coast Guard, and a group representing port authorities has warned that Durbin's plans could raise the cost of taxpayer-funded projects around the country.

It's all part of the political maneuvering among the biggest players in the rather obscure world of government waterway projects. Both sides have lined up Washington lobbyists and interest groups to support them, and both have made contributions to influential politicians.

Durbin is sponsoring legislation

at the request of Great Lakes president Douglas Mackie, a personal friend who met Durbin during his first run for the Senate six years ago. Mackie said that after meeting Durbin, he helped organize a fund-raiser for the senator that brought in "under \$10,000," from the dredging industry. He and other officials from the company

based in the Chicago suburb of Oak Brook, along with the company's political action committee, have donated at least \$6,000 to Durbin's Senate campaign fund in the last six years.

But Great Lakes has made much bigger contributions since 2000 that indirectly benefit Durbin, a Democrat from Springfield.

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Room:

All of theatre department's utilities are in place

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Indeed, the theater department does have an abundance of space to work with. Not only are there offices for designers, classrooms and ample work space for students to create scenery and costumes for future productions, but the department will add a portable classroom on the south end of the building to store lumber, costumes and other perishable things, Oertling said.

Since the theater department has been allotted plenty of parking, the addition of the portable classroom will not make much of a dent in the amount of parking space available, he said.

Oertling said all of the theater equipment necessary to execute play productions, performed six times yearly, already has been moved into the revamped structure and set-up accordingly.

"We have taken everything out of (Doudna Fine Arts Center)," he said. "Asbestos is being taken out there starting Labor Day weekend, and the building will be chained off."

Although students may find the new building a bit of an inconvenience to transport themselves to because it is located off campus, Marissa Tieri, a freshman theater education major, said her lone worry is the short time span she has to run from her previous class to catch the shuttle bus.

"There should be more shuttles going here," she said. "It is kind of hard getting here having classes in between this one."

However, Oertling insists he is not worried about students being required to commute to their theater classes.

"They just need to get used to it. It's only the first day," he said.

Layoffs:

It wasn't cost-effective to update print center's copying equipment

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Last year Wilbur Hutson, director of the facility, retired, causing the business affairs office to take a look at the service to see if it was a good idea to hire a new director. According to Cooley, it wasn't.

After reviewing the center's status, Cooley said the equipment was too outdated, and it would be too expensive to restore the center and keep up with the times.

Currently, the building is not being used, but plans are in the works.

Cooley said he and his colleagues were thinking of expanding office space for Information Technology Services.



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Jennifer Griswold, a sophomore elementary education major, and Stephanie Lewis, a freshman engineering major, both employees of Copy X, look through papers they are copying for teachers and their classes.

Reminders of terrorist attacks still remain in small towns

LEWISTOWN (AP) — Bare a year ago, the Rocket Tap tavern's exterior wall now boasts a pair of flags that guard a memorial honoring those called to military service after last year's terrorist attacks.

It lists the names of area residents called up since the World Trade Center towers were destroyed and the Pentagon damaged — 55 people from a community of about 2,500.

Tavern owner Ann Hillig said the wall-sized monument was the idea of regulars who wanted to show their support amid the wave of solidarity that swept the country after the attacks. It's been well-received.

"People stop and take pictures all the time," she said, then her voice lowered. "I don't know how many times we've had to add more names."

For the most part, life here goes on as always. Trucks and farm equipment clatter through town, the wake of their passage giving life to the flags the city drapes from lightposts every spring.

Still, despite Lewistown's location amid an ocean of corn and soybeans half a continent from Ground Zero, there are subtle signs that residents acknowledge the acts that scarred the nation a year ago.

The most obvious are flags: paper flags taped to business windows, wind-tattered flags streaming from car antennas, full-size banners hanging from porches and balconies.

And, in small ways, the Sept. 11 attacks have changed the easy-paced way of life in places like Lewistown. Lifelong resident Leta Grubor, office manager for an insurance company on the town square, said residents of the close-knit community have become acutely aware of who belongs there and who doesn't.

"We're not more cautious, but maybe a little more aware of what's going on around you," she said. "You used to see strangers, you thought, 'Well, that's nice.' Now you wonder."

At the Rocket Tap, Hillig said, customers once preferred to listen to the juke box or watch a ballgame on the television. Now, she said, they're more likely to watch the news.

"I think we've gotten back to normal, but I don't think we take things for granted anymore," she said.

Down the street at Rasmussen's Blacksmith Shop Museum, the town's past is splayed across the walls of the visitor's center. The present is represented under a glass countertop near the door, where "United We Stand" sweatshirts are on sale for \$15 each.

Curator Bob Peterson said he thinks the attacks scarred all Americans the way Pearl Harbor did in his parents' time and President Kennedy's assassination did as his generation was maturing.

Even in rural areas like Lewistown, he said, the effect can be felt.

Ryan drops ax on more obsolete boards

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. George Ryan has let the ax drop on more government committees he says are obsolete.

Ryan signed a bill Monday abolishing eight boards and commissions, continuing a 1998 campaign promise to streamline government.

In all, Ryan has made 67 panels defunct since 2000.

"We will be streamlining government through the elimination of boards and commissions that have outlived their usefulness," Ryan said in a prepared statement.

Those eliminated in Ryan's action Monday were the Biotechnology Advisory Council; the Budget Advisory Panel; the Economic Emergency Council; the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Advisory Committee; the Lake County Metropolitan Exposition and Authority Board; the Military Base Reuse Advisory Board; the National Heritage Fund Advisory Committee; and the State Park Revenue Bond Commission.

Overcrowding:

Next step would've been to have RAs share rooms

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sophomores that they would not be guaranteed a single. All sophomores were assigned roommates, but given a grace period to withdraw from their housing contract. However, Hudson said only five sophomores canceled their housing contracts. Enrollment increases were hard to predict before the application deadline, but the situation could have been much worse, Hudson said.

Residence assistants were told they would have to give up their singles and live with a roommate if lounges and Greek Court became full; however, the increase did not get to that point.

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—Joyce Harwood, Medical Insurance Specialist

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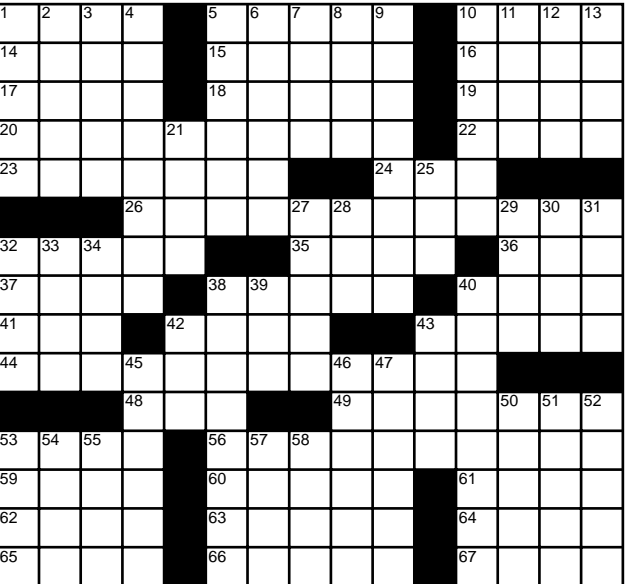
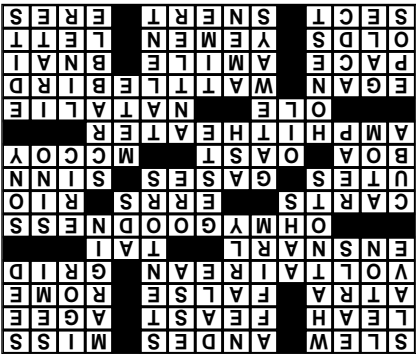
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Puzzle by Sarah Keller

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- 30 Chinese: Prefix
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- 50 Lid or lip application
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Afghan government considers release of suspected al-Qaida

◆ *More than 50 have been imprisoned for nearly a year*

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan authorities are considering releasing hundreds of foreign prisoners, many of them suspected al-Qaida fighters, but those guarding them argue the men are still dangerous terrorists who should remain behind bars.

In the basement of the intelligence ministry building in Kabul, some 50 bearded prisoners sit barefoot, up to seven to a room, reading the Quran and praying. Most are Pakistanis; a few are from neighboring Tajikistan.

Each traveled to Afghanistan last year, but their reasons are varied and vague. None bothered to bring a passport, and all were eventually captured by northern alliance troops in the wake of the U.S. bombing campaign that ousted the Taliban.

Few, if any, admit fighting.

“We were bringing private aid from the people of Pakistan. I brought medicines for ordinary Afghan people who were being attacked,” said 20-year-old Mohammad Alam, one of five prisoners in a tiny room at the jail Saturday.

Another claims to have been a refugee who lived in Afghanistan for years. Another, Abdullah Haji Amir Bahdor, 22, says he went to Kabul only to attend a picnic just before American bombs began falling last October.

“I didn’t have a weapon, I was not fighting,” he said.

Lal Agha, a northern alliance commander in charge of the detention cen-

ter, quickly dismisses the accounts.

“They’re all al-Qaida who came to fight in Afghanistan,” Agha said. “They all had weapons. Some of these people were fighting in (the northern city of) Kunduz even after the Taliban surrendered.”

The government has yet to give an exact count of how many foreigners have been captured, but Caroline Douilliez, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross, said Afghanistan’s jails house at least 2,500 foreign detainees from 30 different countries. Another 70 foreigners were also being held at U.S. jails in Bagram and Kandahar, she said.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Alberto Fernandez said the U.S. had no comment on the issue, calling the prisoners’ fate “a decision of the Afghan government.”

A U.S. diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the remaining prisoners were small fry. “They may be extremists in their views, but ... no one considers these important people,” he said.

During a visit to Kabul in April, Pakistan President Gen. Pervez Musharraf asked President Hamid Karzai to release detained Pakistanis. Shortly afterward, several dozen Pakistani prisoners were handed over to authorities in Pakistan, but hundreds remain in custody.

Foreign Minister Abdullah said the

fate of the prisoners would be decided on a case-by-case basis. Those with no known links to terrorists and who have not been accused of human rights violations would likely be released on “humanitarian” grounds.

Abdullah said a group of prisoners would probably be handed over to Pakistani authorities “in a few days” in the “interest of relations between the two nations.”

A senior intelligence officer admitted that releasing the men might promote reconciliation, but he warned it could backfire.

“They still consider (Taliban leader) Mullah (Mohammed) Omar and Osama bin Laden as their leaders,” the intelligence official said, on condition of anonymity.

“They know how to use explosives, how to kill, how to sabotage, how to kidnap, how to survive. They’re highly trained.”

Earlier this month, a dozen Pakistani al-Qaida members showed just how dangerous they could be when they escaped from the intelligence ministry jail. After a lengthy pursuit, three killed themselves with grenades as soldiers closed in and the rest were killed in a gunbattle just south of Kabul, according to a foreign ministry account.

“I don’t think the government has bad intentions,” the intelligence official said. “But what they don’t understand is what they can do if they are set free.”

Ben-Eliezer calls on Palestinians to work harder at peace

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer cautioned on Sunday that Israel would not withdraw from more Palestinian areas as laid out in a new agreement unless Palestinian security forces work harder to stop violence against Israelis.

Another Cabinet minister, Danny Naveh, went even further, saying the security agreement reached last week — entailing Israeli withdrawals in exchange for Palestinian assurances against terror — is “frozen.”

“They haven’t done anything serious ... concerning terror and violence,” Naveh told Israel Radio.

Ben-Eliezer, however, denied the agreement was frozen. But he said that Israel could not progress in its implementation since there had been so many indications that militants were still planning terror attacks.

“In accordance with agreements, the defense minister expects an improved security situation in the Gaza Strip, and the continuation of Israeli steps, including the redeployment of forces in Hebron, will be considered according to Palestinian efforts to reduce terror and violence in the Gaza Strip and Bethlehem,” Ben-Eliezer’s office said in a statement.

Security meetings regarding implementation of the agreement will continue this week, the release said.

Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat said the Israelis were stalling for no reason.

“What I can describe the situation to be is non-movement as if the consistent position of the Israeli government is to keep the status quo,” Erekat said.

Under the first security accord between the sides in more than a year, Israeli troops transferred control of the West Bank town of Bethlehem to the Palestinians last week and were slated to do the same in the Gaza Strip soon after.

The Bethlehem withdrawal was seen by Israel as a test case for further pullouts in six other Palestinian towns in the West Bank that Israeli troops have controlled since the end of June after two suicide bombings in Jerusalem.

But Israeli forces showed no signs of preparations to withdraw from sections of the Gaza Strip. The delay was apparently due in part to an attempt by three Palestinians to infiltrate the Jewish settlement of Kfar Darom in the Gaza Strip on Friday. The attack was foiled when soldiers shot and killed two of the militants.

The militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad have rejected the security agreement, vowing to continue attacks. The Palestinian Authority has been holding talks with officials from the groups in recent weeks in an effort to get them to abandon the violence.

Palestinian Interior Minister Abdel Razak Yehiyeh published a statement Sunday detailing his efforts to get the militant groups to comply. During a meeting last week, Yehiyeh stressed the importance of the security agreement in order to remove Israeli troops from Palestinian towns, he said.

“I asserted the need to reassess and revise accordingly the strategy of resistance and to review its presently adopted forms so as to comply with international norms and international legitimacy,” Yehiyeh said in the statement in English.

Meanwhile, Israeli soldiers entered the village of Salfit near the West Bank town of Ramallah Sunday, searching houses and arresting six Palestinians wanted for militant activity before withdrawing, the army said.

In the West Bank town of Jenin, gunmen from the Al Aqsa Brigades affiliated with Yasser Arafat’s Fatah party detonated explosives early Sunday at the office of the local Palestinian governor, Haider Irshaid.

Walls and furniture at the offices were seriously damaged, Irshaid said.

The attack followed an argument by telephone in which the gunmen demanded Irshaid stop conveying army instructions regarding the curfew in the town. Every night, Irshaid publicizes on local TV plans by the army to impose or lift the curfew the next day.

Fox says Mexico will not end U.S. partnership

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A bomb exploded Sunday in a drainage ditch in front of a United Nations’ guest house in the Afghan capital, injuring at least two Afghan civilians, a U.N. spokesman said.

The blast shattered the window of a pharmacy across the street and left a small crater in a sewage canal filled with garbage.

There was no damage to the U.N. International Committee Association guest house, which is home to 45 foreigners employed by the United Nations, said Mohammed Mirzar, the house’s manager.

A man and a girl injured in the blast were taken to the hospital, said U.N. spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva.

District police commander Zabet Agha Gul said blamed the blast on opponents of the government, suggesting either al-Qaida or supporters of former prime minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. “We are searching for who did it, but for the time being nobody has

been arrested,” Gul said.

Security in the Afghan capital was stepped up following the July 6 assassination of Vice President Abdul Qadir. His killers remain at large.

On Aug. 15, an explosion in a storm drain broke windows but caused no injuries at the Afghan Telecommunications Ministry building in the heart of the capital. Afghan authorities were unsure who was responsible.

Last month, Afghan authorities said a would-be car bomber was arrested after a traffic accident en route to a target. Afghan officials said he told interrogators he was assigned by al-Qaida to assassinate President Hamid Karzai or, failing that, to kill foreigners.

On Saturday, security forces said they discovered a suspected al-Qaida chemical laboratory complete with explosives and suspicious documents in a house in the capital’s Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood.

The house was formerly occupied by

the Saudi non-governmental organization Wafa, which was among the organizations that the United States believes were connected to Osama bin Laden’s terrorist network.

Before the collapse of the Taliban last year, Wafa ran a number of operations in Afghanistan including food distribution and construction work.

British Maj. James Kelly, a spokesman for the international peace-keeping force, said Wafa no longer occupied the house.

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Illinois students continue to lead nation in SAT

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Illinois high school students outpaced their peers nationally in SAT college entrance exam scores released Tuesday.

Illinois’ average scores on the verbal and mathematics portions of the test were at least 70 points above the national average, the Illinois State Board of Education said.

In addition, Illinois students have shown greater improvement in SAT scores over the past five years and the past decade than any other state, education officials said.

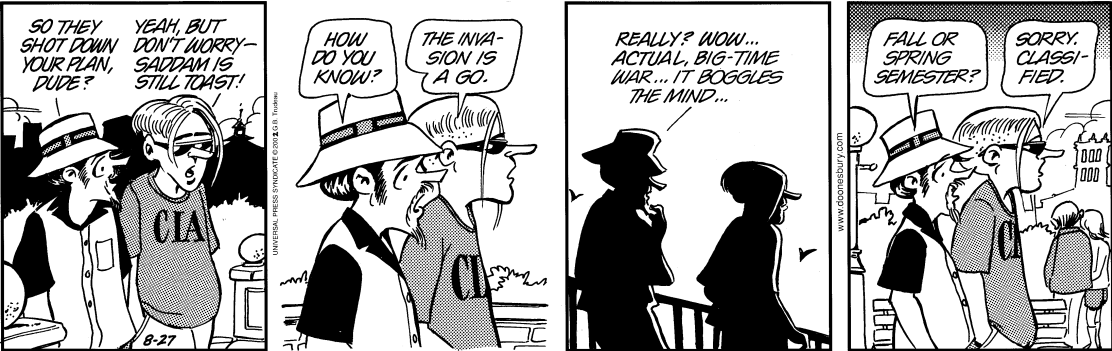
Other scores released Tuesday show that more Illinois students taking advanced-placement tests, which can earn them college credit, earned top scores than students in other states.

“While SAT and AP exams are taken by only a small percentage of Illinois students, the results clearly show that this group of students is meeting high achievement targets,” state schools Superintendent Robert Schiller said in a statement. “These students, their parents and their schools are setting the pace for our state and nation.”

Mathematics scores for all Illinois students who took the SAT in 2002 averaged 596 — 80 points higher than the national average. Illinois verbal scores averaged 578 — 74 points higher than the average nationally.

The score of 596 in math was up seven points from last year and 18 points from 1997; 578 in the test’s verbal portion is a two-point increase from last year and up 16 points from five years ago.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers return from 'down under'



FILE PHOTO

Senior forward Kayla Bloemer releases a shot during a game at Lantz Arena last season. The Panthers made a 10-day trip to Australia to play four games against Australian teams.

◆ *Squad travels to Australia for a 10-day, 4-game tour including stops in Sydney, Melbourne*

By Matt Meinheit
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Judging by the scores, Eastern's women's basketball team did not have a good trip to Australia this summer.

With an 0-4 record and the closest the team came to a win was 10 points, it is hard to see what kind of success the Panthers (7-22, 6-10 in Ohio Valley Conference in 2001-02) had. Head coach Linda Wunder showed optimism after her team's trip 'down under.'

"I feel we played with some pretty good competition," she said. "The teams we played are at the peak of their season, so playing teams in that kind of condition will help us when we get started this winter."

The Australia trip gave many players a chance to get looked at with juniors Pam O'Connor (center) and Lauren Dailey (guard) out with injuries.

Two players in particular took advantage of the situation. Junior center Allison Collins had some strong showings leading in scoring for the Panthers in most of the games.

"I thought Allison played really well," Wunder said. "It showed that the hard work over the summer paid off and she improved her game."

The other standout was sophomore guard Ashley Kearney. Kearney, who was slated to be Eastern's starting point guard last year as a freshman, sat out most of the season with a back injury.

Kearney waited until March to have surgery on her back and was cleared to play in early August.

With her impressive play in Australia, Kearney appears to be the favorite to claim the starting point guard position.

"She is still like a freshman," Wunder said. "It's a little early to say, but she is the only true point guard on the team right now. So if she gets the

"I feel we played some pretty good competition. The teams we played are at the peak of their season..."

—Eastern head coach Linda Wunder

'Down Under' results

- ◆ August 11 :
Melbourne Tigers 70, Eastern 47
- ◆ August 13:
Kilsyth 91, Eastern 47
- ◆ August 15:
Waverly 55, Eastern 45
- ◆ August 19:
Sydney Toyota Sharks 73, Eastern 38

job or not is up to her."

Another player that made her way onto coach Wunder's radar screen in Australia was sophomore center Janelle Cazy who red-shirted last season.

Dailey, who is one of the biggest three-point threats in the OVC (44.7 percent in three-point shooting), did see some playing time in Australia, despite a stress fracture in her foot. Wunder used her for one minute in the last game of the tour.

"To travel all the way to Australia it would have been kinda disappointing not to play," Dailey said.

Dailey is expected to be at 100 percent for the start of the season.

O'Connor will be out a little longer with a torn anterior cruciate ligament in your right knee that she sustained in a pick-up game in April.

She had two surgeries over the summer.

"I got some good news today," O'Connor said. "I should be on track to be ready by early December / late November."

That is good news for the Panthers who do not want to loose the services of their leading scorer and a Second Team All-OVC winner.

PRO TENNIS

Players make return to the court at the U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) – The opening day of the U.S. Open was a celebration of comebacks: Corina Morariu's, Lindsay Davenport's, New York's.

Morariu returned to Grand Slam action less than 1 1/2 years after starting treatment for leukemia and did what she could to keep top-seeded Serena Williams off-balance in their first-round match Monday before falling 6-2, 6-3.

"I didn't think that I'd ever be back here," a teary Morariu said. "There are days when you feel so bad, and things get so difficult, that you don't think you'll be able to do the things you used to."

Davenport, the player many consider the most capable of challenging the Williams sisters' dominance, wasn't given much of a test in her first major tournament match since right knee surgery in January. She beat Eva Dyrberg of Denmark 6-2, 6-1.

The night match between Morariu and 1999 champion Williams was preceded by a ceremony of tribute to the heroes and victims of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — two days after the U.S. Open ended.

"This year's Open is special: It's another indication that our city is well on its way to recovering from the tragedy of Sept. 11," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

For the 24-year-old Morariu, of course, being back on court is a victory in itself. Her father called her a few hours before Monday's match to tell her a bone marrow test showed her cancer is still in remission.

Morariu's face betrayed little when she stepped out for just her second tour singles match in 14 months. But she did unveil a wide smile while the crowd roared as she walked to the changeover chair after breaking Williams'

serve in the third game.

"There were definitely a lot of emotions," Morariu said. "When you have a tough time walking up the stairs in your house, it's tough to imagine that you'll be able to play or compete with Serena Williams."

Morariu wasn't just pleased to be there, however. She wanted to win, and it showed: She slammed a ball off the ground after an unforced error ended the first set, stood with hand on hip after overhitting a sitter, yelled after a poorly hit backhand.

"I really wanted to play well tonight. That was something that was important to me," Morariu said. "But I have to cut myself some slack."

She even had the French Open and Wimbledon champion in a tad of trouble in the second set, holding a break point with a chance to go up 4-3. But Williams — who wore a short, skintight black outfit she called her "catsuit" — smacked a runaround forehand winner to erase the threat.

With her father, Richard, watching in the stands, Williams' play didn't sparkle as much as her diamond bracelet and tiara: She made more errors (32) than winners (26). She did have nine aces, some topping 110 mph.

Others advancing were fifth-seeded Jelena Dokic, No. 8 Justine Henin, and 2000 semifinalist Elena Dementieva.

Men's winners included two-time Open champion Andre Agassi, fourth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov, French Open winner Albert Costa, No. 13 Roger Federer, No. 25 James Blake, and Michael Chang.

But 25th-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, who counts the 1994 Open among her four Grand Slam titles, was knocked out by Marion Bartoli 6-3, 6-1.

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M L B

Brewers' Sheets works keeps perfect record against Cubs

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ben Sheets is perfect against the Chicago Cubs.

Sheets pitched into the ninth inning to beat the Cubs for the fifth straight time, and Jorge Fabregas hit a two-run double for his first hit with Milwaukee as the Brewers ended a five-game losing streak with a 2-1 victory over Chicago on Monday night.

"It's a different atmosphere out there, always a little something extra against the Cubs," said Sheets, who improved to 5-0 against the Cubs in his brief career.

Sheets (8-15) gave up six hits, struck out eight and walked one. The only run he allowed came in the eighth on a leadoff double by Alex Gonzalez and RBI single by pinch-hitter Chris Stynes.

"Ben was tremendous," Fabregas said. "He had everything working, just an outstanding performance."

Sheets also benefited by two fine defensive plays that were turned into double plays. Sheets left after walking Bill Mueller to lead off the ninth inning. Mike DeJean got three outs for his 21st save in 24 chances.

Milwaukee Brewers 2	Chicago Cubs 1	"Ben had great command of his fastball and was effective inside."
The Brewers, who have the worst record in the National League at 45-85, have won eight of 10 against the Cubs this season.		
The Cubs, playing without Sammy Sosa (strained muscle in neck) for the second straight day, have scored eight runs in their last six games.		
"It's tougher on the hitters than it is on us (pitchers)," rookie starter Mark Prior said. "They are used to producing. They have careers with a lot of RBI and home runs. It's tough on everybody right now."		
Fabregas ended a 0-for-23 slump — 0-for-8 with the Angels and 0-for-15 since being acquired by the Brewers on July 30 — with a double to the left-field corner in the second inning for a 2-0 lead against Prior (6-5).		

Jose Hernandez walked with two outs and Mark Loretta singled before Fabregas, the No. 8 hitter, provided Sheets with all the runs he needed.

"I knew I'd get a hit sooner or later," Fabregas said. "Luckily, I got the big hit tonight."

Prior allowed only two runs and three hits in seven innings. He struck out six and walked two. After the double by Fabregas, Prior gave up only an infield single in the sixth to Richie Sexson before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the eighth.

"We wasted a good pitching performance," Chicago manager Bruce Kimm said. "We got great pitching from Prior and (Kyle) Farnsworth. It's a shame ... two runs. We should have beat that club tonight."

Milwaukee CF Alex Sanchez turned 26 Monday.

After trading Jeff Fassero (age 39) and Flash Gordon (34), the Cubs reduced the average age of their pitching staff to just under 26.5 years.

Chicago RHP Alan Benes makes his second start since 1997 when he pitches Tuesday in Milwaukee.

N F L

Bears cut 6, roster down to 81

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears are down to 81 players.

The Bears announced Sunday they waived tackles Chris Brown and Jeff Grzeskowiak, kicker John Hilbert, cornerback Tony Lukins, punter Dan Pope and safety Adrian Singleton.

The league requires teams to get down to 65 men

by Tuesday, but the Bears can keep eight exempted NFL Europe players. Those players are wide receiver Kenny Christian, tackle Damion Cook, linebacker Tim Johnson, quarterback Ken Mastrole, safety Than Merrill, wide receiver Ramondo North, linebacker Mawuko Tugbenyoh and tackle Josh Warner, the team said.

M L B

Toronto downs White Sox 8-4 at Comiskey

CHICAGO (AP) — Toronto relievers pitched six hitless innings and Dewayne Wise hit a three-run double as the Blue Jays beat the Chicago White Sox 8-4 Monday night.

Toronto has won four straight and Chicago has lost eight of its last 11.

Corey Thurman earned the victory in relief. Thurman (2-2) struck out three in three innings. Mark Hendrickson worked the seventh, Cliff Politte pitched a perfect eighth and Kelvim Escobar finished.

Magglio Ordonez's one-out single in the third was Chicago's last hit of the night. The White Sox mustered just four baserunners after that.

White Sox starter Jim Parque struggled, making his fourth start of the season since being recalled from Triple-A Charlotte.

Parque allowed three hits and five runs over 2 1-3 innings. He walked five and struck out two. As a starter, Parque's ERA is 8.76.

He gave up back-to-back singles to Shannon Stewart and Eric Hinske in the third. He then walked Chris Woodward on four straight pitches to load the bases. Carlos Delgado drove in Stewart on a sacrifice fly. Josh Phelps' two-run single chased Parque (1-4).

Wise cleared the bases on a two-out double off of White Sox reliever Matt Ginter to make it 6-2.

Aaron Rowand homered in his second straight game in the third. One out later, Frank Thomas hit his 22nd home run of the season to make it 6-4.

Toronto starter Mike Smith went three innings, giving up four runs on six hits.

White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko left the game in the third inning with a sore leftfoot. He will have X-rays.

Toronto snapped a six-game losing streak against left-handed starters.

The White Sox are 35-49 since May 22.

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students) the odds of having a class with a student athlete is much better at Eastern.

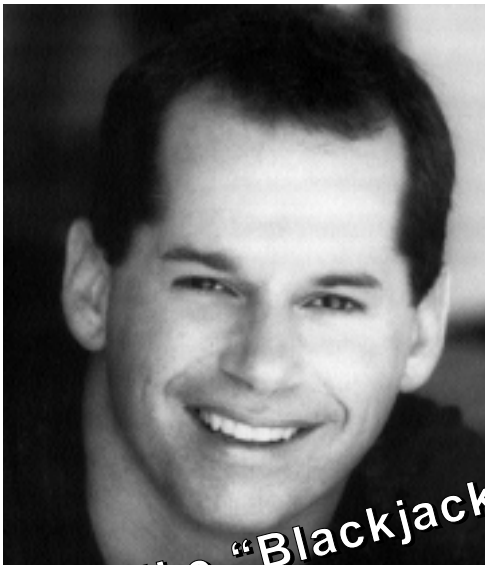
Its not the fact that you can get to know the athletes at Eastern better then the students at U of I can get to know their athletes, you can also get to know the coaches better.

U of I coaches like men's basketball coach Bill Self and head football coach Ron Turner teach

also teach classes, but my guess is, there is a large desire to get into these classes and are not easy to get into.

At Eastern many of the coaches also teach classes, like men's soccer coach Adam Howarth and men's basketball head coach Rick Samuels, but those classes are much easier to get into then the ones at U of I.

I don't think U of I is a bad school to go to or that their athletic programs are bad, its just that I prefer the intimacy of the size of campus and athletic programs.



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	Volleyball vs. UT-Chattanooga	1 p.m. Lantz Arena
	Volleyball vs. DePaul	7 p.m. Lantz Arena

LONG SHOT



Matt Meinheit
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The joys of going to a small school

Congratulations everyone for choosing to attend beautiful Eastern Illinois University.

Sure the art and music students don't know where their classes are, and the university welcomed everyone by raising tuition, but who cares?

I sure don't. I've been too busy trying to catch up with all of the different sports on this campus.

We had the star of the men's basketball team flirt with the idea of entering the NBA only to return for his final season. Our women's basketball team traveled down under to Australia, and our men's soccer team took a trip across the pond to England.

Then I have to learn about all the new assistant coaches that each team hired. Defensive line coach Charlie Partridge, assistant volleyball coach Melissa Beitz and assistant women's soccer coach Kristin Boeker, to name a few, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

One of the reasons I came to Eastern was the size of the school.

Sure coming to Eastern has turned me against the University of Illinois because every time I try to talk about sports with a friend of mine who attends U of I the conversation always ends in who do you guys play against. I don't need that kind of arrogance being thrown in my face just because I go to a small school.

I went to Assembly Hall in Champaign to watch our Panthers play the Illini, and I made the mistake of taking my friend and his father (a U of I alumn). During the game I got to hear about how the Illini was going to mop the floor with us and my friend made sure to to let me know we lost by 40 points.

I was hoping for a better showing, but sometimes you have pick your battles and find the little victories. The highlight of that game for me was when now junior center Jesse Mackinson rejected a Cory Bradford shot to start a fast break.

The reason that one meaningless play stood out in my mind is because I sat next to Jesse all first semester in my history class.

That's the great thing about Eastern athletics - the students get a better opportunity to get to know their school's athletes.

Last year, I had at least one student athlete in each of my classes. I had student athletes from men's soccer, volleyball, football, softball and men's basketball.

How many people that go to U of I can say they had a class with one of their student athletes like Cory Bradford? My guess is not a whole lot. When you look at the number of students who go to U of I (about 26,000 undergraduate students) compared to Eastern (10,677

OVC FOOTBALL PREVIEW

OVC talent on the rise

By Nate Bloomquist
SPORTS EDITOR

Will Eastern tear down the goalposts in celebration of another 6-0 Ohio Valley Conference campaign?

Not if Eastern Kentucky, Tennessee State or Tennessee Tech can help it.

Coaches around the league believe the likelihood of a perfect record in the OVC this season ranks somewhere between buying a winning powerball ticket and being struck by lightning.

But will lightning strike twice for the Panthers?

"Everyone will be coming after us and we'll have to take it on the road," Panther head coach Bob Spoo said.

Eastern plays four of six league games away from O'Brien Stadium this season and is ranked as high as No. 4 in several I-AA polls.

But Eastern Kentucky head coach Roy Kidd doesn't see his team as an underdog in the league.

The Colonels are fresh off their best season since 1995 and finished No. 18 in the final The Sports Network poll.

"I feel like we got overlooked last year when the playoff selections are made," Kidd said. "We've got a lot of hungry guys who

2001 Football standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Eastern Illinois	6-0	9-1
Eastern Kentucky	5-1	8-2
Tennessee Tech	4-2	7-3
Tennessee State	3-3	8-3
Murray State	2-4	4-6
Southeast Missouri	1-5	4-7
Tennessee-Martin	0-6	1-10

remember being snubbed last year. They're tired of practicing and want to get out there and prove themselves."

Like the Panthers, who open their season Saturday in Hawaii, the Colonels travel to a I-A school to begin the season.

Eastern Kentucky will play at Oregon State Thursday.

"I think scheduling (Oregon State) was a mistake," Kidd said. "I wish we weren't going. We haven't got a chance in hell of winning there."

The Colonels (8-2, 5-1 in the OVC) return only three starting defensive players from last season, but are ranked No. 2 in the preseason league poll. Kidd is confident the defensive holes will be filled soon.

"Our defense just has to stay healthy," said Kidd who begins his 39th season with ECU this week. "We'll be in a lot of trouble if we

Keys to the OVC

◆ Darkhorse: Murray State is picked to finish fifth this year, but a trio of transfers could boost that rating.

◆ Powerhouse: Eastern Kentucky is trying for it's third consecutive top 25 season.

Tomorrow

◆ A preview of the Panthers football season

sively now."

Tennessee State's (8-3, 3-3) biggest question mark is new quarterback Kenny Irby.

He'll have plenty of talented receivers to throw at. The Sports Network preseason poll ranked the Tigers among the Top 50 I-AA teams.

Tennessee Tech (7-3, 4-2) lost school record-setting quarterback Grant Swallows to graduation, but is tied for third with Tennessee State in the preseason league rankings.

Like Eastern, the Golden Eagles also begin their season with a pair I-A teams at Bowling Green and Iowa State before playing host to the Panthers Oct. 5.

Southeast Missouri (4-7, 1-5) has an uphill battle this season.

The team returns 10 offensive starters including quarterback Jeromy McDowell from last year's young squad.

"We've gotten bigger and stronger but so has the rest of the conference," SEMO head coach Tim Billings said.

"There's no question the conference has gotten better every year. This might be the best year ever for the OVC. That seems to be the way it's going."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Quincy quintet leads Panthers



COLIN MCAULIFFE/ PHOTO EDITOR

The Quincy quintet from left to right: freshman midfielder Kim Garkie, freshman midfielder Morgan Frericks, sophomore defender Audra Frericks, junior forward Beth Liesen and junior midfielder Kimberly Genenbacher.

◆ *Five members of Eastern's women's soccer team all call Quincy their home*

By Tim Martin
STAFF WRITER

What's in the water in Quincy?

Whatever it is, Eastern Illinois head women's soccer coach Steve Ballard loves it. Five of Ballard's 23 players on the 2002 roster hail from the Adams County town of 41,555.

"I don't know what they put in the water down there," Ballard said. "But whatever it is, it's making some pretty good soccer players."

The Quincy quintet consist of juniors Beth Liesen and Kimberly Genenbacher, sophomore Audra Frericks and freshman Kim Garkie and Frericks' younger sister Morgan. All five of the players attended the same high school - Quincy Notre Dame - except for Garkie who attended Quincy High

School.

"It's nice to have familiar people with you. It definitely makes your first year easier," Audra Frericks said.

Liesen and Genenbacher were the first two QND players to play under Ballard. They credit their success as players opened opportunities for those who followed and for those in the future.

"I think all five of us being here has opened everyone's eyes. Coach (Ballard) probably looks more at Quincy now than he did before because of what we've brought here," Liesen said about the future she has laid for future Quincy players.

"I think they recruit each other as much as I recruit them. Beth helped recruit Audra who helped recruit Kim and Morgan," Ballard said.

The Quincy-bred players have already made impacts on the eight-year Lady Panther soccer program which Ballard built from scratch. Liesen was named to the Ohio Valley



COLIN MCAULIFFE/ PHOTO EDITOR

Members of Eastern's women's soccer team practice their ball handling Monday afternoon.

Conference first team last season and also led the conference in scoring per game (2.05) and total goals (18).

Audra Frericks also made first-team all OVC honors. Genenbacher has been a consistent force in the midfield and Morgan Frericks and Garkie wait in the wings.

"The girls are all excellent athletes, and they have such a strong upbringing. They are good people, and as student-athletes, they are just as strong," Ballard said.

"I don't know if there is any one thing that is different about the Quincy girls from the rest of the team, but everyone on the team

is of high character."

But that is not how the Quincy quintet sees it.

"We actually get made fun of because of our accents," Audra said as the other four nodded in agreement. "The rest of the team thinks we're hicks because we're from down south and everyone else is near Chicago."